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Secretary Ickes Expected at Convention in Richmond, Virginia, May 3-7

*Theme: The Place of the Home in the Community**Headquarters: John Marshall Hotel*

Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, has tentatively accepted an invitation to speak at the 41st Annual Convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, in Richmond, Virginia, on Wednesday evening, May 5. Secretary Ickes' full schedule is being crowded to make a place for this engagement, but he hopes to be present to speak on the topic, "Pioneering in a Community."

Dr. J. W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, will deliver the opening address of the Convention on Monday, May 3, at 10 A. M. His address on "Home and School Unite for a Finer Community Life" sounds the keynote for a four-day session on the Convention theme, *The Place of the Home in the Community*. Other distinguished speakers who will be heard during the week are: Judge Florence E. Allen, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Cleveland; Dr. Thomas H. Parran, Jr., Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Homer P. Rainey, Director, American Youth Commission, Washington, D. C.; Edward C. Lindeman, Professor of Social Philosophy, New York School of Social Work and Director, Recreation Projects, Works Progress Administration, Washington, D. C.; Dr. W. Taliaferro Thompson, Professor of Religious Education, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond; Dr. Forrest Long, Professor of Education, New York University; Douglas S. Freeman, Editor, *The News Leader*, Richmond.

Following his address, Dr. Studebaker will lead a symposium in which the following chairmen of National Congress committees will participate: Dr. Joseph M. Artman, Chicago, Character Education; Mrs. F. H. Devere, Auburn, Rhode Island, Student Aid; Florence Fallgatter, Wash-

ington, D. C., Homemaking; Howard V. Funk, Bronxville, New York, Study of the Use and Effect of Alcohol and Narcotics; Mrs. William J. Hayes, Burlingame, California, Exceptional Child; Mayme E. Irons, Decatur, Illinois, Music; Ellen C. Lombard, Washington, D. C., Home Education; Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols, Tacoma, Washington, Humane Education; Mrs. A. H. Reeve, Philadelphia, International Relations; Elizabeth Robertson, Chicago, Art.

Dr. Homer P. Rainey, Director, American Youth Commission, Washington, D. C., who was selected by the Commission to head-up the most comprehensive study of youth yet undertaken, will address the Wednesday morning meeting on the topic, "Youth in a Modern Community." Dr. Rainey's presentation will be followed by a symposium in which the following chairmen of National Congress committees will participate: Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, Cincinnati, Ohio, Parent Education; Dr. Edgar Dale, Columbus, Ohio, Motion Pictures; B. H. Darrow, Columbus, Ohio, Radio; John W. Faust, New York City, Recreation; Julia Wright Merrill, Chicago, Library Service; Dr. Wm. McKinley

Robinson, Kalamazoo, Michigan, Rural Service; Marian L. Telford, New York City, Safety.

Welcome to Richmond and Virginia

Richmond — A Cradle of Early American Democracy, city of beautiful homes, center of early American history — is waiting expectantly to welcome the National Congress of Parents and Teachers to its Forty-first Annual Convention, May 3-7. At this Convention we hope to demonstrate what is meant by southern hospitality. Our citizens, as well as our parent-teacher members, both in Richmond and throughout the state, are working diligently through forty committees, to make this a notable Convention. We want you to be comfortable and happy during your stay. We want to do everything possible to make arrangements whereby all who attend will receive the kind of accommodations desired. We welcome the opportunity to serve you during the Convention.

WILLIAM T. SANGER,
President,
Virginia Branch.



Virginia's charming old homes and gardens will be at their best during Convention week. York Hall, the Old Nelson House at Yorktown, is typical of many which will be on view during Garden Week. It was built in 1740. Pillimages to historic centers and gardens are being arranged.

Conferences Feature Afternoon Sessions at National Convention in Richmond

During the Convention, the afternoons, Monday to Thursday, inclusive, from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock, will be devoted to conference discussions led by National Congress committee chairmen, consultants, and staff members.

Monday

Dr. William T. Sanger, President of the Virginia Branch, will present an interesting discussion of Virginia's homes at the conference on Art, Elizabeth Wells Robertson, presiding.

Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols is emphasizing "Humane Element Vital to Community Welfare" at her Humane Education conference.

"Educational and Physical Welfare of the Exceptional Child" will be discussed by Mrs. William J. Hayes at her Exceptional Child conference.

Mary E. Murphy has invited for her Child Hygiene conference, Dr. Allen G. Ireland, Department of Public Instruction, Trenton, New Jersey, and Cara L. Harris, Associate Professor of Health Education, University of Tennessee, to discuss problems of child health.

The Home Education conference, led by Ellen C. Lombard, will discuss "Discovering and Using Resources for Home Education."

Consumer education problems will be stressed by Florence Fallgatter in her Homemaking conference.

Dr. Joseph M. Artman plans to consider in his conference, "Home and Community Responsibility in Character Education."

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Tuesday

The place of the home, school, and community in developing good citizens will feature Mrs. Mary T. Bannerman's conference.

Dr. Thomas H. Parran, Jr., Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, has been invited to participate in the Social Hygiene conference.

The International Relations conference, Dr. Thomas W. Gosling, presiding, significant this year because of the World Conference of the World Federation of Education Associations to be held in Tokyo, will stress the "Home and Community as Builders of World Friendship."

Albert W. Whitney, Vicepresident, National Safety Council, and John Rhodes, President, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, are taking part in Marian Telford's Safety Conference.

"Early Childhood Education" will be stressed by Mary E. Leeper at the Kindergarten Extension Conference.

A bookmobile from the North Carolina State Library Commission will be a part of the demonstration prepared by Julia Wright Merrill in connection with the Library Service conference.

Mary W. Bartelme will emphasize in her conference on Juvenile Protection, problems on "Child Labor." Sanford Bates, of the Boys Club of America, will speak.

"NCPT Calling All Homes into Membership" is the topic of the membership conference led by Mary Englund.

The Money Management conference will discuss "Education for Living."

A conference on Mental Hygiene is being arranged.

Wednesday

Dr. Edgar Dale is asking the question, "How can motion picture appreciation be developed in the various communities?" in his Motion Picture conference.

Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson will discuss "Our Magazine and the Community" in her *National Parent-Teacher* magazine conference.

In the Parent Education confer-

ence, Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt plans to discuss study groups and parent education classes.

"Interpreting the Background of P.T.A. News" will be the topic of discussion at Clarice Wade's Publicity conference.

"Physical Education in the School Program" will be the topic of the Physical Education conference, E. D. Mitchell, presiding.

The topic of the Parliamentary Procedure conference is "Board of Managers and Executive Committee."

Reading, using, selecting, and displaying Congress Publications will be demonstrated and discussed at the Publications conference led by Mrs. Frederick M. Hosmer.

Thursday

B. H. Darrow in his conference on Radio is preparing exhibits indicating ways in which state Congress radio programs can be developed.

In the Summer Round-Up conference, Dr. Lillian R. Smith plans to discuss what preparation must be made for a successful Round-Up.

Mrs. Frederick H. Devere will give special attention to the problem of scholarships in her Student Aid conference.

Howard V. Funk has invited Dr. H. J. Anslinger, U. S. Bureau of Narcotics, and Roy Breg, Executive Secretary, Allied Youth, to participate in his conference on the Study of the Use and Effect of Alcohol and Narcotics.

"Interpreting Education in Our Democracy" will be the topic of Charl O. Williams' School Education conference.

Dr. Wm. McKinley Robinson plans to discuss "Rural Programs Which Have Clicked" in the Rural Service conference.

"The Singing Community" will be discussed in the Music conference, Mayme E. Irons, presiding.

"What's Ahead for Recreation" will be the topic of the Recreation conference, J. W. Faust, presiding.

Daily conferences on parent-teacher association problems will be conducted by Mrs. Charles E. Roe, National Field Secretary, and Frances S. Hays, Education Secretary.

Traffic Safety Education Project

Plans for the second year of the Traffic Safety Education Project will be discussed at the Safety Conference, led by Marian L. Telford, National Chairman of Safety, at the National Convention, on Tuesday, May 4. Speakers at the conference will be Albert W. Whitney, Vicepresident, National Safety Council, and John Rhodes, President, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. Progress of the campaign for the Standard Drivers' License Law will be reviewed, and new strategy mapped for continued efforts to secure its enactment in the states. A report of the Traffic Safety Education Project will be made by Miss Telford at the general session on Thursday, May 6.

Family Play Night

Family Play Night will be observed at the National Convention on Thursday evening, May 6. J. W. Faust, National Chairman of Recreation, is in charge of the evening's program. Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman, Professor of Social Philosophy, New York School of Social Work and Director, Recreation Projects, Works Progress Administration, Washington, D. C., will speak on the subject "Modern Trends and Developments in Community Recreation." Claire McCarthy, Director, Community Recreation Association, Richmond, will lead the play hour on social recreation. The folk dancing will be directed by Lottie Thorpe, Director, Physical Education Department, Richmond Public Schools, and her staff, and by the Theater Guild department of the Bellevue Night School and Community Center.

Student Demonstration

A demonstration by the Student Cooperative Association of Virginia will be a feature of the Wednesday morning session, May 5. Miss M. Frieda Koontz, Secretary, Richmond, will lead the demonstration.

Mrs. Lydia A. Lynde succeeds Lita Bane as Collaborator in Parent Education, Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Slate of Nominees

The Nominating Committee to Nominate National Officers has presented for consideration at the National Convention in Richmond, the following slate:

President — Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, Michigan.

1st Vicepresident — Mrs. John E. Hayes, Idaho.

2nd Vicepresident — Dr. Thomas W. Gosling, D. C.

Vicepresidents from Regions:

Region I — Mrs. Simon S. Lapham, Rhode Island.

Region II — Mrs. James Sheehan, Kentucky.

Region III — Mrs. James Fitts Hill, Alabama.

Region IV — Mrs. W. A. Hastings, Wisconsin.

Region V — Mrs. Chris Hirning, South Dakota.

Region VI — Mrs. L. A. Mailhes, Louisiana.

Region VII — Mrs. William Kletzer, Oregon.

Region VIII — Mrs. C. H. Turner, California.

Secretary — Mrs. Warren L. Mabrey, Missouri.

Treasurer — Dr. William T. Sanger, Virginia.

Radio Map

Is your radio listening group on the map? A map showing the groups in each state which have been reported as listening to the National Parent-Teacher Radio Forum will be displayed at the National Convention. If you know of groups which should be shown on this map, Mrs. John Sharpless Fox, Associate Radio Chairman, 5617 Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, will be glad to know about them.

The American Tree Association reports numerous requests for certificates from P.T.A.'s which are planting trees as a part of the 40th Anniversary Celebration. California, Alabama, and Arkansas were leading states in the number of trees planted up to March 15. Probably there will be more activity in other sections of the country as spring approaches.

PARENT - TEACHER RADIO FORUM ON GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD

NBC BLUE NETWORK

WEDNESDAY, 4:00-4:30 P. M. E.S.T.

Sponsored by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, American Academy of Pediatrics, and National Broadcasting Company

May 5

Growth of Children During Wars and Depressions

Carroll E. Palmer, Medical Officer, in Charge of Child Hygiene Investigations, U. S. Public Health Service.

May 12

Health Hazards in the Period of Growth

Louis I. Dublin, Vicepresident and Statistician, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

May 19

Old and New Thoughts About Growth

Henry E. Siegrist, Professor of History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Uniform Traffic Laws

Enactment of Uniform Traffic Laws by all states is urged by fourteen national organizations, including the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, as part of an extensive safety program. In an open letter to all state legislators, spokesmen for these agencies point out that "The seriousness of the highway accident problem calls for definite and immediate action . . . to insure the safety of lawful and prudent drivers and to deny use of public highways to reckless, incompetent, and wilful drivers." Drivers' license control and uniform rules of the road are universally recognized as essential first steps in accident prevention.

The Uniform Vehicle Code, developed by the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety, is commended as a guide in providing sound laws upon which to predicate effective accident-prevention programs.

Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know; it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave.—Ruskin.

P.T.A. Section at Superintendence Convention

Significant suggestions relative to parent-teacher relationship were made at the Parent-Teacher Section meeting of the Department of Superintendence Convention, in New Orleans on Monday, February 22, 1937. The panel was generally agreed on a number of problems and issues, among these were the following:

1. Parent-teacher associations should provide a channel whereby public opinion can be brought to focus upon the needs, problems, inequalities of the school.

2. It is the responsibility of parent-teacher associations to build attitudes for those things educationally and socially desirable for the welfare of children and youth.

3. Unless parents are made conversant with school needs, accomplishments, and developments, schools cannot expect full support of their programs.

4. The education of parents is one of the first responsibilities of parent-teacher associations.

5. Parent-teacher associations are duly bound to discover where expertness lies, to insist upon securing of expert advice, be progressive in their desire to do the best possible for children.

6. Money-making activities on the part of parent-teacher associations prevent them from carrying on their real functions as educational organizations.

7. Parent-teacher associations must resist every effort of interference both by individuals and groups in educational administration.

8. Organized parents and teachers working together can accomplish much which is impossible if either parents or teachers work alone.

9. Parents have a place in the guidance of their children and it is only as home and school work together that really effective guidance programs are possible.

Representatives of state Congresses participated in the discussion which followed the panel discussion and contributed many fine points. State presidents who attended included: Mrs. L. W. Hughes, Tennessee; Mrs. William T. Sanders, Michigan; Mrs. Charles D. Center, Georgia; Mrs. Charles F. Pye, Iowa; Mrs. Curtis Stout, Arkansas; Mrs. I. A. Rosenbaum, Mississippi; Mrs. Albert L. Smith, Louisiana.

Pilgrimage to Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown

The closing day of the Convention, Friday, May 7, will be given to a historical pilgrimage to Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in America and first capital of Virginia; to Williamsburg, the second colonial capital of Virginia, now restored to original grandeur by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at a cost of more than twelve million dollars; to Yorktown, now a National Monument under the National Park Service, where Cornwallis yielded his sword to General Washington.

This Maytime pilgrimage in the Old Dominion will provide a backward glimpse at four outstanding phases of American development: the days of exploration and conquest, as represented by Jamestown; the golden age of colonial life, as represented by Williamsburg; revolutionary fervor, by Yorktown; and the ease of antebellum days, by Richmond.

It is significant that on the narrow peninsula lying between the James on the south where Jamestown is located,

and the York River on the north where Yorktown is situated, so much stirring American history was enacted.

The cost for roundtrip bus transportation, admission to Jamestown, to the five exhibit buildings at Williamsburg, admission to the grounds at Yorktown, lunch at the new Williamsburg Inn which is done in the colonial manner, and professional guide service for each bus will not exceed five dollars per person. Many additional points to be visited are included without extra cost.

Parties of thirty each will be carried in buses. Because of the large number who will require accommodations on the pilgrimage, it is necessary to organize the units as rapidly as possible. All parties will leave Richmond, Friday morning at 8:00 A. M., returning at 6:00 P. M.

Reservations should be made with Dr. William T. Sanger, President, Virginia Branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Richmond, Virginia.

Garden Tour—Richmond and Area

For those who do not take the trip to Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown, a Garden Tour, sponsored by the Westhampton Parent-Teacher Association and the Saint Stephen's Guild have been scheduled for Friday, May 7, for the Richmond area. Tickets admitting to the Garden Tour will be on sale at the John Marshall Hotel at \$1. Transportation will be provided for those requiring it at 50 cents; buses to leave the John Marshall Hotel. The following will be scheduled:

REVEILLE, 4200 Cary Street, one of the oldest mansions in suburban Richmond.

VIRGINIA HOUSE, Windsor Farms, reconstructed from the former Warwick Priory of England.

AGECROFT HALL, Windsor Farms, a handsome halftimbered mansion dating back to 1360, was transported to Virginia from England.

TRUSLEY on Rio Vista Road and BEAUMONT on Hampton Hills Lane, which adjoin each other, illustrate two charming gardens.

WINDEMERE, where complimentary refreshments will be served, has an extended garden with a formally designed area, a rock garden, and also naturalistic planting.

TUCKAHOE PLANTATION will also likely be included in the tour. This is ten miles west of Richmond on the River Road, is famous for its gardens and old dwarf box and for the tiny frame school house where Thomas Jefferson learned his letters.

The Richmond Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations has invited delegates to the Convention to a tea which will be held at the Governor's Mansion, Capital Square, Wednesday evening, May 5, 4:00-5:30 P. M.